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49TH ELINT COMMITTEE MEETING
Room 2 D 978, The Pentagon
3 October 1961

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[REDACTED], Interim Chairman

PRESENT:

DEFENSE:

Mr. John J. Larkin

NSA:

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ARMY:

Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

& NSA FOIA-3-86-36

NAVY:

Captain Donald M. Showers

AIR FORCE:

Mr. David S. Clark
(for Colonel Philip G. Evans)

JOINT STAFF:

Colonel Eugene A. Trahan, USA

STATE:

Mr. Richard E. Curl

CIA:

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Lt. Colonel Harry J. Thompson, USAF

ALSO PRESENT:

DEFENSE:

Mr. Robert E. Rich

ARMY:

Major Richard Winstead
Mr. Richard Battey

NAVY:

Commander Frederick Musial
Mr. Roy Adolfson

CIA:

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SECRETARIAT:

Major Alva H. May, USAF

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The Meeting was called to order at 0935 and adjourned at 1208.

NSA AND NWCDA REVIEWS COMPLETED. NOT-RELEVANT.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-5.3/160 Agenda Item 1, 49th ELINT Committee Meeting,
3 October 1961

Subject: Approval of the 48th Minutes

PROBLEM:

To consider the Minutes which had been submitted to the Members.

DECISION: (3 October 1961)

The Minutes were unanimously approved as circulated.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-13.1/10 Agenda Item 2, 49th ELINT Committee Meeting,
3 October 1961

Subject: Automatic Data Processing

Reference: USIB-EE-13.1/9, 18 September 1961

PROBLEM:

To consider the ELINT aspects of the COMINT Committee Report circulated with the reference.

DISCUSSION:

The Chairman reviewed the history of the Automatic Data Processing problem as it relates to the COMINT and ELINT Committees.

The NSA Member suggested that there were no ELINT implications in the proposed Annex "E" to DCID 6/3, and that the ELINT Committee should impose no objection to its referral to USIB for early consideration. He advised, however, that a recent Department of Defense examination of the entire ELINT field had resulted in some findings and recommendations that might well materially affect the remainder of the COMINT Committee ADP Report. He suggested that further action on the Report be delayed pending receipt and evaluation of the final results of the Department of Defense ELINT study.

DECISION: (3 October 1961)

The Chairman, ELINT Committee to notify the Chairman, COMINT Committee that the ELINT Committee has no objection to the proposed Annex "E" to DCID 6/3, but that the ELINT Committee believes that further consideration of the remainder of the COMINT Committee ADP Report should be delayed pending receipt and evaluation of the final results of the recent DOD ELINT study.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-29.11/46

Agenda Item 3, 49th ELINT Committee Meeting,
3 October 1961

Subject:

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Reference:

USIB-EE-29.11/45, 15 September 1961

PROBLEM:

To consider the charge from USIB and determine what action the Committee should take in the immediate future.

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DISCUSSION:

The Members reviewed the status of the [REDACTED] SIGINT problem, confining it primarily to the ELINT aspects.

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It was generally agreed that further negotiations can be expected to take place at an unspecified date and at an unknown level, but in the interim the onus is [REDACTED] to re-open the discussions. Forthcoming [REDACTED] were considered to be a critical factor and no approach [REDACTED] is expected until [REDACTED] down.

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The U.S. position was reviewed and no action of an urgent nature was considered necessary. However, it was felt that the Members should make a detailed review of past USIB actions with a view to reaffirming or revising the established U.S. position in preparation for meeting with the [REDACTED]

It was stated hopefully that the U.S. might anticipate [REDACTED] and be prepared rather than react defensively if required to act in haste on short notice.

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The State Department Member advised the Committee that the information made available to the U.S. Ambassador following USIB approval of the revised Paragraph 5.e. of the "Memorandum of Understanding" has not been used, since the Ambassador felt that the subject should be re-opened [REDACTED]

The JCS Member related for the information of the Committee that on a recent visit [REDACTED] was given ample opportunity to discuss the SIGINT problem, but that he did not so much as mention the subject.

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It was noted by the Committee that even though the status of negotiations is unchanged from that existing on the departure of the U.S. Team in July, [REDACTED] have not since that time taken any steps identified as "harassing" to the U.S.

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Recognizing USIB's charge for a review of [REDACTED] situation, the Committee proposed to revive the Joint COMINT/ELINT Ad Hoc Working Group and charge that Group with a full scale review of the problem. The Group to recommend appropriately to the COMINT/ELINT Committees following the review.

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The NSA Member asked that other Members determine whether written reports have been provided to him of U.S. input [REDACTED] of intelligence information in order that a consolidated listing may be circulated.

Members are to advise the NSA Member [REDACTED] of their desired membership on the Joint Ad Hoc Group.

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DECISION: (3 October 1961)

To revive the Joint Ad Hoc Group (COMINT/ELINT) for a full review of [REDACTED] problem with the task of making appropriate recommendations for Committee consideration. (The NSA Member is to be Chairman of this Group.)

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USIB-EE-5./70

Agenda Item 4, 49th ELINT Committee Meeting,
3 October 1961

Subject:

Review of Pending Projects

Reference:

Memorandum to Interim Chairman, to be circulated
as USIB-EE-5./71

To review the status of certain subjects/projects of Committee business to determine appropriate courses of action.

The Chairman explained that the review of business was not for the purpose of reaching any final decisions, but was to see what subjects required action and to agree on appropriate courses of action leading to eventual solution of the problems.

As listed in the reference, and as set forth below, the order of review and the action thereon is provided for the Members.

A. USIB-EE-9.6/1, Classification of Signals

The Air Force and NSA Members to review the status of their proposals and determine what remains to be done to satisfy the USIB charge on the subject.

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B. USIB-EE-29.11/44, SIGINT

There currently is not any action in progress, however, there may well be steps to be taken in preparation for future action. There isn't any indication at this time as to the level at which negotiations may later be re-initiated, but it was felt the Members should review the situation, and prepare for a reconvening of the Joint COMINT/ELINT Ad Hoc Group, under [REDACTED] chairmanship, to prepare recommendations on the U.S. position prior to [REDACTED]. Among other subjects, the approved USIB policy and fall-back position should be reviewed to see whether further USIB consideration will be necessary.

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The only urgency on this matter is the need to prepare for talks if [redacted] change their position without advance notice.

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C. USIB-EE-5.5/12, NSA Optimum Program 25X1X7 & NSA 25X9

Agreed that this item could be dropped.

D. USIB-EE-29.20/57, SIGINT [REDACTED]

As a result of USIB approval on 15 August 1961 of the [REDACTED] concurrence with the U.S. proposal to proceed with [REDACTED] negotiation was asked on 17 August 1961. No reply [REDACTED] has been forthcoming to date. 25X1X7 & NSA 25X9

The NSA Member, in deference to the CIA Member, agreed that he would prepare a report on the status of [REDACTED] negotiations.

E. USIB-EE-5./36, Committee Fulfillment of its Objectives and Obligations

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the scope and nature of this item was so long range that it was improbable the Committee could do anything specific until the status of the COMINT and ELINT Committees was clarified. However, the problem was one for each Member to keep under active consideration for action as necessary from time to time.

F. USIB-E-9.1/2 [REDACTED]

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Continues as a matter for the Committee to consider from time to time as circumstances dictate.

G. USIB-EE-33.1/23, SIC Report on Technical Data

Continues as an active item, and ELINT Members should work with their SIC counterparts as necessary to remain up to date on required coordination. A report from SIC is expected shortly and unless that Committee encounters problems, no initiative is required from the ELINT Committee.

DECISION: (3 October 1961)

The Committee decision on each subject reviewed is as set forth under the discussion of each item above.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-29.19/4

Item Not on the Agenda, 49th ELINT Committee Meeting, 3 October 1961

Subject:

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PROBLEM:

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To consider the question raised by the OSD Member regarding the release of certain information on the Project [REDACTED]

DISCUSSION:

The OSD Member brought to the attention of the Committee a message from CNO to the Department of State relating to [REDACTED]. The OSD Member expressed concern that the Navy appeared to be taking unilateral action on an aspect of the Project which is of policy concern to the entire Intelligence Community. The policy matter concerns the release of intelligence information [REDACTED]

In the discussion which followed the introduction of this item, the Chairman reviewed the history of [REDACTED] and the Navy Member explained the status of several current problems confronting the Project. One of the most important of these is implementation of a USIB charge to [REDACTED] (Item 10, Special Annex, USIB-M-169, 24 August 1961). It was noted that the CNO message to the Department of State was considered to be a preliminary step in obtaining permission to [REDACTED]

The USAF Member expressed the belief that all concerned in the implementation of any project such as [REDACTED] should be careful to insure that:

- a. "Policy makers" don't interfere with the physical operation of the Project -- this being the responsibility of the "executive agent".
- b. "Executive Agents" don't infringe on the areas of responsibility of the "policy makers" -- these being: (1) the decision as to what level of information is to be released to foreign governments, and (2) the quid pro quo arrangements.

The CIA and NSA Members recommended that an Ad Hoc Working Group be established to work with [REDACTED] people to insure that intelligence releases are consistent with USIB guidance and that the impact of [REDACTED]

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arrangements on SIGINT [REDACTED] are taken into consideration.

DECISION: (3 October 1961)

1. An Ad Hoc Working Group to be established for the purpose noted above. The Navy Member of the ELINT Committee to be Chairman of the Group. Other Members of the ELINT Committee to designate representatives to the Group.

(The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group to provide the Secretariat with the complete membership as soon as it is determined.)

2. The Ad Hoc Working Group to review the provisions of the CNO message to the Department of State to insure that information release recommendations are within release policy limits established by USIB, or that they are appropriately revised to meet these limits. In the event the Working Group determines that information to be released should exceed the USIB established limits, the Group is to make appropriate recommendations to the ELINT Committee.

3. The Army and Navy Members to review [REDACTED] files and make available to the other Members appropriate background papers.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-9.3/41

Item Not on the Agenda, 49th ELINT Committee Meeting,
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Subject:

ELINT Requirements List

References:

- (a) USIB-EE-9.1/4, 3 February 1960
- (b) USIB-EE-9.1/5, 18 February 1960
- (c) USIB-EE-9.3/40, 4 October 1961

PROBLEM:

To consider the CIA Memorandum, tabled at the Meeting (circulated with the reference).

DISCUSSION:

The CIA Member explained that he felt there were certain aspects of the ERL which needed to be reviewed. He expressed particular concern about ELINT "Indicators".

Members were asked to review their respective aspects of the ERL and to provide their comments to the Secretariat by 18 October. The problem will, if warranted by Member comments be scheduled on the Agenda for a future Meeting.

DECISION: (3 October 1961)

The Members to review the ERL and submit comments on problem areas to the Secretariat within two weeks. The subject to be discussed at a later meeting if required after all comments are available.

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